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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/910,780	Applicant(s) REED ET AL.	
	Examiner Konata M. George	Art Unit 1616	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40,44-61,63 and 64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 44-46,51,57-61 and 63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 40,47-50,52-56 and 64 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 40, 44-61, 63 and 64 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on December 11, 2003 was noted and the submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner has considered the information disclosure statement.

Action Summary

2. Examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 1-39, 41-43 and 62. Therefore, any and all rejections directed toward those claims are hereby withdrawn.
3. The rejection of claims 48-50 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite is hereby withdrawn as applicant has amendment the claim to correct the insufficient antecedent basis limitation.
4. The rejection of claims 40-61, 63 and 64 under obviousness-type double patenting is hereby withdrawn as a timely filed terminal disclaimer was filed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 58-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for treatment of a disease, does not reasonably provide enablement for prophylaxis of a disease. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The applicant has support for treating diseases however; it is not shown how to prevent certain diseases such as cancer, asthma, etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 44-46, 51, 57, 61 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hui et al. (US 5,082,656).

Hui et al. discloses a topical antibacterial composition containing penetration enhancers. Column 2, lines 14-32 teach the use of a volatile solvent (i.e. ethanol or isopropanol, see examples) that can dry onto the skin and thus leave a film on the skin. It is also taught to use a plasticizer to help form the film (col. 2, lines 33-40). It is also taught in the same passage that oily substances (i.e. peppermint oil, geranyl acetate, etc.) can be used to enhance the penetration of the antibacterial agents into the skin.

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Examples VI and VII teach compositions containing 10% of a penetration enhancer.

The prior art does not teach the evaporation rate of the composition.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the time the invention was made to formulate the composition in such a way that the composition evaporates quickly. The expected result of a composition that evaporates quickly would mean a quicker delivery of the active agent to the skin.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 40, 47-50, 52-56 and 64 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Claims 44-46, 51, 57-61 and 63 are rejected.

Telephone Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konata M. George, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0613. The examiner can normally be reached from 8AM to 5:30PM Monday to Thursday, and on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page, can be reached at (571) 272-0602. The fax phone numbers

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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4556 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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